Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Abundant medical research cites cancer as the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, detected in more than 15,000 of our nation's young people every year; and,

Whereas, Cancer was the second leading cause of death among South Dakota children 5-14 years of age and the fourth leading cause of death among children 1-4 years of age during the past 5 years, and,

Whereas, Many South Dakotans have dedicated time, energy, and effort to helping these children and their families; and,

Whereas, Patient and family services are vital support structures for children undergoing cancer treatments by enhancing quality of life for them and their families; and,

Whereas, The gold ribbon, an international symbol of childhood cancer awareness, is being introduced to South Dakota with the goal of uniting to fight childhood cancer and create awareness about its devastating toll on children and their families; and,

Whereas, Doctors, researchers, and other medical professionals continue to strive for a cure to this disease:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State